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SUBJECT: GATT STAFF COMPLAINTS ON SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

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1. GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CLARK) CONVENED GOVERNMENT REPS ON CONTACT GROUP, SAID D. G. LONG SUGGESTED SINCE GROUP WAS UNABLE SOLVE STAFF'S PROBLEMS IT SHOULD NOT DRAG ON. LONG CONSIDERING ADDRESSING GATT COUNCIL SOMETIME TO URGE DIRECT CP ACTION TO CORRECT STAFF'S PLIGHT.

2. GOVERNMENTS ON CONTACT GROUP TENTATIVELY AGREED SUBMIT A REPORT TO FULL BUDGET COMMITTEE, PERHAPS ABOUT JANUARY 31, TO EFFECT THAT GENEVA-WIDE FORA SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED PARA 5 OF REFTEL ARE MORE SUITABLE PLACE FOR STAFF PROPOSALS THAN LIMITED GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE. REPORT WOULD BE CONCILIATORY AND PRAISE STAFF, BUT IT WOULD BE CLEAR THAT GOVERNMENTS ARE BOUND BY UN COMMON SYSTEM. JANUARY 27 SESSION WOULD BE LAST MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP.

3. IN VIEW PARAS 5 AND 6 OF REFTEL, WE SAID US HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION. WOULD APPEAR THAT WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WITH LONG MAY HAVE CUASED
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SOME CHANGE IN HIS VIEWS. EXACTLY WHAT HE PLANS TO

SAY TO COUNCIL (AND THIS MAY NOT BE DONE AT FEBURAY
3 SESSION) IS NOT CLEAR TO CLARK, EXCEPT THAT LONG
CERTAINLY WILL INCLUDE AN APPEAL TO GOVERNMENTS TO
PURSUE RESOLUTION OF GENEVA-BASED EMPLOYEE PROBLEMS
THROUGH NEW YORK UN FORA.

4. THUS, VENUE OF ISSUE IS CHANGING, BUT DISCONTENT
IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE. ABRAMS

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